GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4064
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2002
FUNDS ALLOCATED UNDER TRIFED
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the budget provisions made and actual amount spent for execution of schemes under the Indian Tribal Cooperative Marking Development Ltd. During the last three years and till June, 2002;

(b) the details of the works carried out in the country through TRIFRD; and

(c) the works carried out in Jharkhand and Bihar during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) A Statement is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(b) A Statement is enclosed at Annexure -II.

(c) The (in terms of value) procurement undertaken by TRIFED during the last three years from the State of Jharkhand and Bihar is as under:-

Year	Value (Rs. In lakhs)
1999-2000	17.66
2000-2001	158.74
2001-2002	Nil

During the current financial year no procurement has been undertaken so far. However TRIFED has a budget provision for the procurement of Kusum Seed, Black Gram, Niger Seed and Red Gram worth Rs. 162.76 lakhs during the current year.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT TO BE ATTACHED TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4064 FOR 09.08.2002. DET. OF FUNDS RELEASED TO TRIFED UNDER THE SCHEMES OF MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS

(Rs. In lakhs)

Scheme	1999-2000		2000-2001		2001-2002		2002-03	
	Bud. Alloc	Funds Rel.	Bud. Alloc	Funds Rel.	Bud. Alloc	Funds Rel.	Bud. Alloc	Funds Rel.
Price support to TRIFED	500.00	296.56	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	600.00	Nil
Investment in Share Capital	25.00	25.00	100.00	Nil @	100.00	Nil @	1.00	Nil
Grain Bank	400.00	100.00	200.00	100.00	200.00	220.00	2000.00	Nil

@ Against the Authorised Share Capital of Rs. 100.00 crores, the paid up share capital of TRIFED reached Rs. 99.98 crores. Hence funds were not released

ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT TO BE ATTACHED TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4064 FOR 09.08.2002.

The details of the work carried out in the country through TRIFED are as under:-

(a) Procurement of Agricultural and Minor Forest Produce from Tribal Areas.

With a view to give remunerative prices to the Tribals of the country for the produce cultivated/collected by them and to protect them from the exploitative forces, TRIFED undertakes procurement of Agricultural and Minor Forest Produce from Tribal Areas of the country.

TRIFED operates through its Regional offices set up across the country located at Jagdalpur, Bhubaneshwar, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Guwahati, Ranchi, Bhopal, Bangalore, Ahmedabad and Delhi (North Cell).

This activity is carried out by TRIFED through its offices directly as well as through the State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations, Forest Development Corporations, District Level Cooperative Societies, Vandhan Samities (Self Help Groups) and other State Agencies associated with such activities.

The value-wise procurement undertaken by TRIFED during the last three years and till 30.6.2002 in the current financial year is as under:

Year	Value of procurement (Rs. in lakhs)
1999-2000	7667.00
2000-2001	8339.00
2001-2002 (Unaudited)	3930.00
2002-2003 (till 30.6.2002- Provisional)	1181.00

The Government of India, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has appointed TRIFED as an Agency to undertake Price Suppor operations in the Tribal Sub-Plan areas for procurement of Oilseeds & Pulses. During the last Rabi Crop (2002)TRIFED has undertaken procurement under a minimum support price of the order of Rs.129.55 Lakhs

(b) Exports :

TRIFED is one of the canalizing agencies for the export of Niger Seed and the sole canalising agency for the export of Gum Karaya. Besides, it is also one of the registering authorities for the export of Lac and Lac products. Exports, including indirect exports, in terms of value during the last three years are as under:

Year	Value of Exports (Rs. in lakhs)
1999-2000	1520.90
2000-2001	1433.00
2001-2002	2238.06
2002-03 (till 30th June,2002)	468.83

(c) Training and Development :

TRIFED imparts training to tribals for better cultivation, collection, preservation, value-addition and marketing in respect of various commodities like Lac, Hill Brooms, Ginger, Tamarind, Neem Seed, Gum Karaya, Medicinal Herbs, etc.

(d) Grain Banks:

The scheme of Grain Banks was introduced during the year 1996-97 as a safeguard against a fall in nutritional standards of Scheduled Tribes living in remote areas and to check the deaths of tribals due to starvation, malnutrition etc. TRIFED has been nominated as the disbursing authority for release of funds to State Govts / channelising agencies for the establishment of Grain Banks. TRIFED has released an amount of Rs. 1024.38 to different States for establishment of 1876 Grain Banks till 2001-02.

(e) Projects:

Tribes:

TRIFED has established a sales outlet `Tribes`, in Delhi for promotion of the Handicrafts made by tribal artisans. Besides marketing of tribal handicrafts, exhibitions-cum-sale of artifacts made by tribal artisans are organised by `Tribes` at periodical intervals.